

Executive Proclamation

Harrisburg, South Dakota
Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and;

WHEREAS this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS trees reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and


WHEREAS the City of Harrisburg will be recognized for the 2nd year as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Derick Wenck, Mayor of the City of Harrisburg, South Dakota do hereby designate April 30th as **Arbor Day** in the City of Harrisburg, South Dakota; I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

I FURTHER call upon the residents of the City of Harrisburg to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the wellbeing of this and future generations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Harrisburg, South Dakota to be affixed this 29th day of April, 2021.




Derick Wenck, Mayor
Harrisburg, South Dakota